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OF

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It is a receaved Maxim among Historians and Antiquaries, that, as King Malcome the Third Introduced the Fewdal Laws into Scotland, they produced Territorial Dignities and Sirnames*(a)*.

A learned Antiquary*(b)* observes, that the most ancient Sirnames are local, taken from places, as Dunbar, Douglass, Hume, Crawfurd, Cathcart, Echline, &c., *for its a sufficient proof of ancient descent, where the Inhabitent heath his Sirname from the place he Inhabits*(c). Infinite numbers of this kind we have in Scotland, whose Sirname title and designation is the same, in latine Records designed *Domini Ejusdem*, and in English, of that Ilk, or of the same.

The ancient familie of Echlin being the first propriators of the Estate of Echlin then in the Constabulary, now the Sherefdom of Linlithgow, assumed a Sirname from their lands; for this we have a very

(a) The Regium Majestatem, the body of our Laws, Says, Rex Malcolmus dedit totam terram Scotiæ Hominibus suis, that is, that the Soveraign gave all the lands of the kingdom to his vassals, to be held by Military or Knights' Service.

(b) The learned Antiquarian, Mr Camden, in his remains Concerning Britan.

(c) Ibidem, and the learned Sir James Dalrymple Collection.

authentick voucher still extant; a charter, by Rogerus de Moubray, the great Baron of Dalmenie, Barnbougal, and Innerkeithing *Philipo Le Brun, de totis et Integris terris de Echlin* in Constabulario de Linlithgow Cum pertinentijs, Cum duas Carrucatas terre in Dalmeny*, to be held in fee and heritage of the granter. The charter has no date but it must be in the beginning, if not sooner, of the reign of our victorious deliverer King Robert the First*(a)*, who came to the Throne in the year 1306. The Charter is among the writting and archives of the ancient family of Dundass of Dundass. So much is Certain that this *Philip Le Brun*, who first got the lands of Echlin assumed a Sirname, as the ancient Custom was, from his own Estate, and became Echlin of Echlin or

(*a*) Having with due Care examined the writts of the ancient family of the Moubrays to fix the date of this charter, it is obvious to any Antiquary that there is no Rogerus de Moubray de Dalmeny, but this Rogerus who was Cotemporary with King Robert the Bruce, for he is among the Proceres and Magnates Regni Scotiæ, who seatled and wrote that memorable letter to the Pope, Pope John the twentie-second, asserting their ancient establishment as a nation, their early Profession of the Cristian faith; their zeall for the Libertie and Independency of their Country; and the high value and esteem they express for their victorious deliverer King Robert. This Celebrated pice of Antiquity bears date from the Monastry of Arbroth, the 6th of Aprile, 1320. The Letter, a double of which they kept in the kingdom, is still preserved in the Archives of Scotland, in the keeping of the Lord Register, to which many of the Seall of the *Comites and Barones* are still extant. Several of our Historians to Illustrate their writings have Insert this noble letter, as Bisop Spotswood, in his History of the Church of Scotland; Sir George Mackenzie, Lord Advocat to King Charles the Second and King James the Seventh, in his Elaberate Treatise of Precedency; Dr. George Mackenzie, in his learned works on the Scots writters; Mr. George Crawfurd, the Author of the Lives and characters of the officers of the Crown and State in Scotland, the Author of this Memorial; and the learned and accurate Antiquarian, Mr James Anderson has ingraved a Copy of this letter in his Elegant and beautiefull work the Diplomata Scotiæ. He has it also in his Independency of Scotland published in 1705.

* According to the modern Maps of Scotland there appears to be a place still called "Echline," about mid-way between Hopetoun House and Dalmeny, and a mile to the south-ward of South Queen's Ferry. This is doubtless the locality referred to above.—*Ed.*

Echlin of that Ilk ; and was the founder of the House of Pittadro in the County of Fyfe, that continued so long a family of lustre and reputation. How they obtained the Estate of Pittadro, whether by Conquest or by marriage, not having seen the more ancient writts of the family, is more then I can say, and I do'nt offer a Conjecture ;—after the family of Echlin of Echlin had fixed their residence att Pittadro, they parted with their ancient Paternall Estate, to the family of Dundass in the time of King James the First, and are vested in James Dundass, of that Ilk, at his attainder on the 9th of February, 1449*(a)*.

After the Estate of Echlin came to the House of Dundass, as heath been said, They were designed of Pittadro from the chief messuage of that Barony, of which the ruins yet remains, Situate below *Echin*-Hill*(sic)*, which they gave the name to, which is Situate some miles westward to the Royal Burgh of Dunfermling, near to the House of Fordell, the Seat of Sir Robert Henderson Baronet, who is now the Propriator, I think, of the Estate of Pittadro.

The Echlins of Pittadro rose to be Considerable Barons and one of the chiefs of the ancient families in the Shire of Fyfe : Their Estate was a five pund land of old Extent, holding of the Crown*(b)*. This

(a) Parliamentary Attainder in the Publick Archives of the Kingdom, which is taken notice of in Mr. Crawfurd's Historicall and Criticall remarks on the Rugman Roll, Insert in the Second Volume of Mr. Nisbet's Treatise of Heraldry. When the Dundasses were restored to the Estate of Dundass, they were also restored to the Estate of Echlin, for from an authentick voucher, Archibald Dundass, of that Ilk, is Propriator of the lands of *Echin(sic)* in 1452.

(b) Antient valuation of the Shire of Fyfe I have seen, amongst the Collections on the State and Curiosities of the Shyre of Fyfe, made by one of the greatest Antiquarians of his time, Sir James Balfour, of Kinnaird younger of Denmilne, Lord Lyon King at Arms in the reign of King Charles the First.

is vouched from a noble document still extant*(a)*. In Curia vice-comitate de Fyfe, Tento in Pretorio Burgi de Cupro per nobilem Dominum Patricium Dominum Lindsay de Byres et Johannem Lindsay, de Pitcruvie Militem Vice-comites de Fyfe*(b)*. De Mandato Domini nostri Regis, Per litteras suas Patentes sub signito vice-comiti et Deputatis suis de Fyfe Desuper Directis Penultimo Mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Milessimo Quingentessimo Decimo Septimo 1517 in the minority of King James the fyfth duiring the Regency of the Duke of Albany.

William Echlin, of *Pittado(sic)* . . . . . was then the head and representative of the ancient familie of Pittadro. He was a great man with King James the fyfth in hunting and such exercises, as that Prince was immoderatly Set on. This gentleman's ladie was Cristian, daughter of Sir Alexander Tours, of Innerleith*(c)*, an ancient noble warlike family in the Shirefdom of Edinbrugh, where they had long florished in high reputation and honour:

As he was a very learned Gentleman; so he was a great *preservers(sic)* of the Antiquities of his Country. Some of his many Collections *are in the Advocat's* Liberary at Edinbrugh.

(a) In the History of the Shyres of Fyfe and Kinross by the learned and Elabrate and Indefatigable Antiquarian, Sir Robert Sibbald, ofKeps, Doctor of Medicine, who, as he told me himself, had Sir James Balfour's Collections in his Curious Liberrary, many of which I have had the favour to go there and peruse, by the favour of my most worthy frind. He published his History of the Shires of Fyfe and Kinross in the 1710 in a Thin Folio, which is a Curcous performance and worth the perusall of every ingeneous Gentleman: for I can venture to affirm its a Book full of Curious matter, and pretty rare for there was not many above a hundred Copies of the Impression, which were quickly sold off.

(b) Balfour's Collections of the Antiquities of the Shir of Fyfe formerly Citted in this memoriall, for we must know that Sir John Lindsay, of Pitcruvie, that is joint Shirif of Fyfe, with the Lord Lindsay, was the master of Lindsay himself, and his Father the Lord Lindsay's eldest son and apparent heir, and who was afterwards Lord Lindsay himself as is evident from authentick vouchers and documents.

(c) Littera Prosapiæ or a Birthbreiff of Captain Henry Echlin, of Pittadro, wherein his Probative quarters or Eight branches are very fully and authentically Set furth: I had it in a Manuscript that belonged to James

Her mother was a ladie of the noble ancient family of the Humes*(a)*. By this ladie, the Laird of Pittadro had a son, the heir of his familie, *Set.*

William Echlin,* of Pittadro, who married Alison, daughter of Sir John Melvile, of Raith, Knight, Proginetor and Ancestor of the present Earl of Melvile and Earl of Leven, by Isobell, his first ladie, daughter of Sir David Weems, of that Ilk, Ancestor of the present Earl of Weems.*(b)* The lady was sister to Robert, the first Lord Melvile, and to the Celebrated Statesman and Historian, Sir James Melvile, of Hall-hill*(c)*.

The heir of the marriage was the Loyal and Celebrated Andrew Echlin, of Pittadro, who adhered to Queen Mary, and to the interest of the Crown, and the ancient Constitution, with a loyalty and fidelity that was very particular; for tho' this noble gentleman did not approve of all the measures were taken in that reign, yet he declared against her (the Queen) being forced in terror of her life, to resign her Crown, to the Infant Prince, her son, and the shutting up her Majestie in the Tour and fortalice of Loch-leven: so that when matters came to extremitie, and the war broke out, he sided with the Queen's

Espline Marchmont Herald in whose time the Birth-breiff was expede the Lyon office; and which I had from the greatest master in Heraldry we ever had, Mr. Alexander Nisbet, Gentleman, the Author of the Treatise of Heraldry, Speculative and Practical.

(a) Carta in publicis Archivis in Archivis Regni

(b) Birthbreiff of Captain Henery Echline, of Pittadro, in Collections of James Esplaine Marchmont Herald, MSS. penes me.

(c) Ibidem.

In the lithographed copy of the Genealogical Tree, he is by mistake (not noticed in time for correction) called "Andrew." It will also be observed, that his wife, here called "Alison," is in the Tree named "Isobel": this discrepancy however occurs in the original documents, – Ed.

party, and stuck firm to her interest with inviolable fidelity: for in the year 1569, when the brave Sir William Kirkaldy, of Grange, (Governour of the Castle of Edinbrugh), left the young king's side; and declared for the Exilled Queen; he pitched on the Laird of Pittadro, who was his Cousin-german, as the person he reposed the greatest confidence in, to be Constable of the Castle and Deputy Governour*(a)*. The Regent, the Earl of Murray would have given the *Castilians*, so the loyal party in the Castle were called, any tearms they would have proposed, to have deserted the Queen side. But they would enter into no treaty with *a Peck of Rebells, as they tearmed them*, except they would restore the Queen, to the full and free exercise of her Royal Authoritie, from which she had been so unjustly deprived.

The Castle all the while it was held out was a safe retreat, to all the Loyal party, that did not submit to the young King, and the Regency acting in his name, and deriving their authority from him. The noble Governour and his brave Deputy Pittadro, stood firm in their loyalty, from which neather threats, nor the greatest promises, could remove them; so being infexible, the Second Regent, the Earl of Lennox, the young king's grandfather, passed a Parliamentary Attainder against the Governour of the Castle, the Constable, and the heads of the Queen's party*(b)*. The Queen's party under the protection of the Castle

(*a*) All our Histories of that time concur in what is here asserted, as Bisop Spotswood, and Mr. Hume in the History of the Douglass's.

(*b*) All our Historians, as Spotswood, Mr Hume, of Godscroft, Mr. Crawfurd, of Drumsoy, all agree in these Events, &c.

were not indeed behind with them, for they held a Parliament at Edinbrugh in the Queen's name, and firfaulted all the leading men of the other party*(a)*. Things stood in this posture with the loyalists in the Castle, till the Earl of Morton came to the Regency, that he entred into a pacification with some of the Queen's party, out of which all those in the Castle were by an express Clause in the Treaty particularly excluded.

The Earl of Morton, who had been long hardened in a Course of Prostituting the honour of his Country to the Queen of England; and seeing he could not himself master the loyal party in the Castle; he procured from his good frind, Queen Elizabeth, troops, canon, and amunition, under the Command of Sir William Drurry*(b)*, to assist him to take the Castle. Soon after the arrival of the English troops the Castle was Invested; the brave Garrison defended themselfs resolutly; and were reduced to the outmost extremity: The treacherous Regent, the Earl of Morton found means by his emissaries, to debach the Souldiery, so that they reffussed to obey the orders, either of the Governour or the Deputy Governour, the Constable: when the besidged were brought to the last Extremity, an Authour of great Credit and authority*(c)*, and who wel *kn-(sic)* the matter of fact and the Situation of the besiged, assures us that the Constable, the Laird of Pittadro,

(*a*) *In the "Memorial" there is no note to this reference: probably the word—"Ibidem" was intended —Ed.*

(*b*) Sir James Melvile's Memoirs. The Celebrated Authour was maternal uncle to the Laird of Pittadro, the Deputy Governour of the Castle.

(*c*) Ibidem.

to his Immortal honour, offered with Six of the Souldiers, he himself would choose," to defend the Garison against all the Extremity should happen: But in this heroick resolution he was overruled: and the brave Sir William Kirkaldy, the Governour, unhappily Confiding in the Queen of England's favour and protection, was at leanth prevailed with to *Capitulate without* any tearms, but at the Regent's mercy*(a)*.

But even in this dismal Situation, the Governour and Constable Pittadro, had so great a regard to the honour of their Country, that they would not deliver themselfs to the Regent, but put themselfs into the hands of the English General, but not the Castle; when they Capitulate they sent to two of their Country men, brave gallant men, at the Seidge in the Regent's Service, Captain Thomas Crawfurd, of Jordanhill, and Captain David Hume; and to them they delivered the Castle on the Second of May, 1572*(b)*.

The rest of the persons of quality in the Garison were all delivered to Sir William *Durry(sic)*, till the Queen of England pleasure, his Mistress, should be known, who ungenerously Caused put them all in the Regent's hands: The famous Sir William Maitland, Secretary Maitland, he sent prisoner to Leith, died of greif; Sir John Maitland, his brother, the Commendator of Coldingham, who afterward rose to be a great man, Lord Chancellour and a Peer

(*a*) Melvile, Hume, Crawfurd of Drumsoy, &c.
(*b*) Mr. Crawfurd's Memoirs, and other of our Historians.

Lord Thirlstane, he committed prisoner to the Castle of Lethington with Sir Robert Melvile; the Lord Hume, he left prisoner in the Castle of Edinbrugh, now in the Regent's own Command; the Loyal Constable Pittadro and the Bishop of Dunkeld, he sent to the Castle of Blackness*(a)*.

The Crewell Regent Morton, that he might satiate his revenge on the brave Sir William Kirkaldy, he caused execute on a Gibbet in the High-street of Edinbrugh. This great man's death and the infamy in the manner of it, brought a greater *odium* and load on him, (the Regent), then all the hard things he had done duiring his administration. How he came to save Sir John Maitland, Sir Robert Melvile, the Laird of Pittadro, and other heads of the Queen's party, is what I Cannot assign a reason for: But wicked Creul*(sic)* men are often infatuate in their own Counsells: for an ingenious Historian, a great favourer of the Regent, the Earl of Morton, observes that, though he thought he had ruined the Queen's party, yet the heads of the faction were not quite broke, *so long as Sir John Maitland and Pittadro were still left, and active against him(b)*, for after he resigned the Regency, these gentlemen, and others, whom he had oppressed duiring his greatness, applied themselfs, with all possible vigour to get the king's father's death, the Duke of Albany fastned on him as a Consenter and Concealer to that foul and attrocious murder, of which he was Convicted, and suffered on the first of June, 1581(*c*).

(*a*) Ibidem and other Memoirs of that time.
(*b*) Mr. Hume, of Godscroft, History of the Douglass.
(*c*) Life of the Earl of Morton, by Mr. George Crawfurd, in his Lifes, of his officers of state, the Authour of this Memorial.

Altho' King James alwise favoured, after he came to age, those who had been of his mother's party, as his surest frinds, and did for them what he could; so among others who had suffered duiring his minority, he restored the Loyal Laird of Pitt. to his Estate, and rehabilitate him against his firfaulture, yet being long out of his fortune, that Involved him in a load of debts and burden, that brought his family low, and then to utter ruin. So that the fall of the House of Pittadro was realy brought on, by this gentleman's firm and Inflexible adherence to Queen Mary and her interest.

But tho', as we have observed, king James did support and countenance his mother's frinds, yet his Revenues before he came to the Crown of England were so small and so embarassed, that he was not in a Condition to relive the sufferers for his mother, as his heart led him to, and this loyal gentleman who had so much merit, was dead before his majestie came to be monarch of all Britan in the 1603.

This brave loyal gentleman the Laird of Pittadro, was married with Grissell Colvile daughter of Robert Colvile of Clish in the County of Kinross, ancestor to the Lord Colvile of Ochiltree(*a*), by Francess his wife only daughter of Patrick Colquhoun of Piemont off the ancient family of Colquhoun of Luss in the County of Dunbarton, by Elizabeth his wife daughter and at leanth sole heir of Sir William Colvile Lord of Ochiltree one of the greatest Barons by *Tenure* in

(*a*) Vouchers in the Registers in our Publick Records, and the Birthbrieff of Capt. Henry Echline so often cited, and a copy of it is in my hands.

the kingdom(*a*): By this ladie the Laird of Pittadro had three sons, Mr. William Echlin of Pittadro his heir. He married Margrat daughter of James Henderson of Fordell in the County of Fyfe, and had by her a son Captain Henry Echline in whom this ancient family failed. I think he went into foraign service, where he attained to the Degree of a Captain, and that there might be no Bar in the way of Preferment, that could not be attained but by a gentleman of blood and birth, He procured a Birthbrieff testiefeing, and declaring his descent from eight noble ancient families, both on the Paternal and maternall line(*b*). In this gentleman the familie of Pittadro failed, and the Estate was transmitted to strangers: after they had for several Centuries continued in lustre in Scotland.

But a younger branch of the family, by the blessing of Almighty God, who favours the Seed of the rightous, who was transplanted to Ireland, where they have attained to a far greater fortune and estate, then ever the House of Pittadro were possessed of, when they were in their greatest splendor.

The Root and founder of the Irish family of the Echlins was Dr. Robert Echline Bisop of Down and Conyr, second son of the brave and loyal Andrew Echlin of Pittadro, Constable and Deputy Governour of Edinbrugh Castle, for the exilled Queen Mary in the minority of her son King James the 6th. There

(*a*) The same Birthbrieff.

(*b*) Littera Prosapiæ, or the Birthbrieff of Capt. Henry Echlin, Son to William Echlin of Pittadro and Margrat Henderson his ladie, in my hands, which belonged to James Eslin a Herald, often mentioned by Mr. Nisbet in his Treatise of Heraldry.

was a third son, Dr. David Echlin, who was bred a Phisitian, and arrived to such eminency in his profession, that he was chief Phisitian to Queen Anne the Royall Consort of King James of Great Britan(*a*).

Both Dr. Robert Echlin the Bisop of Down and Conyr, and Dr. David Echlin, were eminently learned men: It is them the learned and ingenious Sir Robert Sibbald has in his view in the History of Fyfe(*b*), in a list of the learned men born in that Shyre—he mentions *the two Echlins brothers.*

Dr. Robert Echlin the Bisop of Down and Conyr, being a younger brother, as is observed in the memorial, and the son of a very worthy father, was educate in view of serving in the church; what was the first step he made in it is more than I can say. He was of the Comunion of the Church of England. His Majestie King James the first of England, calling to mind the memory and merit of the Laird of Pittadro his father, and his long sufferings, was graciously pleased to promote Dr. Echlin to the Bisoprick of Down and Conyr in Ireland, the see beeing void by the death of his countryman Dr. James Dundass anno 1613(*c*), and was soon after setled with all the necessary forms of Consecration. He sat in the See and discharged the offices of his Episcopal functions for the space of twentie-two years, even till his death in the year 1635(*d*).

(*a*) Memorial of the Echlin family in my Collections.
(*b*) Sir Robert Sibbald's History of the Shyres of Fyfe and Kinross in the Appendix.
(*c*) Sir James Ware's History of the Irish writters and the Succession of the Bisops in the several Sees.
(*d*) Memorial of the Echlin family nobly vouched in my hands, MSS., and Sir James Ware in his Succession of the Irish Bisops.

The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Echlin the Bisop of Down and Conyr married a lady of his own Country, and of one of the most noble and illustrious families in the Kingdom of Scotland, vidt., a daughter of George Lord Seaton,—thât Lord Seaton who adhered to Queen Mary with a fidelity that was very particular(*a*); her mother the Lady Seaton, was Isobell daughter to Sir William Hamilton of Sorne: She was Sister to Robert the first Earl of the noble family of Winton, and to Alexander the first Earl of Dunfermling, who was long Lord Chancellour of Scotland in the reign of King James the 6th. It was a very noble alliance the Bisop made by marriage, for Mistress Echlin had a Sister, Dame Margaret Seaton, who was married to Lord Claud Hamilton, Son to the Duke of Chatlerault, the Earl of Aran who was himself a Peer Lord Paisly(*b*), as his Son James Master of Paisly was raised first to the Honour of Lord and then to the Dignitie of Earl of Abercorn(*c*), from whom the Earls of Abercorn are to this time all descended: By this noble Lady the Bisop of Down had issue a Son John Echlin of . . . . Esq., who got a Considerable estate in the Realm of Ireland. He wore the arms of his family, the family of Pittadro, of which he was the heir male and Representative, but it seems the Crest was lost or mislaid, whereupon he applied to Sir James Balfour of Kinnaird, Lyon King at Arms in

(*a*) Ibidem the Memorial.
(*b*) The Peerage of Scotland by Mr. Crawfurd, the Authour of this Memorial.
(*c*) Ibidem.

Scotland, a gentleman of Fyfe who weel knew the antiquity of the House of Pittadro and the character of the family: and therefore gave him a Crest, Sct. on a wreath argent and Gulls, a Talbot pass. and argent, spotted sable, Langued Gulls with the moto *Non Sine Præda*(*a*). The warrant is under the Seall of the Lyon office in the year 1633*.

This gentleman married a rich heiress and a lady of a noble ancient family, Stafford, of English Extraction that were Earls and Dukes of Buckingham(*b*), and of so high antiquity that they came in with the Conqueror(*c*). The lady was daughter to Sir Francis Stafford, by whom he had two Sons, Robert Echlin, Esq., his father's eldest Son and heir, Francis the Second, who changed his name to Stafford, by reason he succedded to his mother's estate(*d*), and the familie still continues in lustre in the County of Antrim in the Realm of Ireland(*e*).

Robert Echlin, Esq., the heir of the family of Pittadro, and by this time possessed of an oppulent fair Estate, married a lady of Scots extraction, of one of the noblest families in that Kingdom, the Earl of Rothess. Her name was Mary Lesly daughter of Dr. ——— Lesly Bisop of Meath in the Realm of Ireland, and was himself a younger Son of the Earl

(*a*) Carta penes Carolum Echlin armiger.
(*b*) The great English Antiquary Sir William Dugdale's Baronage of England.
(*c*) Ibidem Tome Second, of whom a full History can be drawn up.
(*d*) Memoirs of the family of the Echlins penes me, and vouched by a person of great honour and probity that may weel be depended on.
(*e*) Ibidem, at Bochans.

* *See the fac simile of the Grant from the Lyon Office at the end of this Memoir.*—Ed.

of Rothess. By this lady Mr. Echline had three Sons, John his father's heir. Henry the Second Son founded another family of the Echlins whose grandson and heir is the present Sir Robert Echlin of Russ, Baronet, near Dublin. There was a third Son Robert Echlin, Esq., a Lieut.-General and Coll. of a Regiment of Dragoons. He died without issue.

John Echlin, Esq., the head of the ancient and honourable family of the Echlins, married Hester daughter of William Godfrey of Colrain, Esq.,(*a*) a gentleman of English extraction, by her he had four sons all now on life, Sct.,

Charles Echlin, Esq.
Robert Echlin, Esq.
Godfrey Echlin, Esq.
James Echlin, Esq.

Charles Echlin, Esq., the heir and head of the family, was pleased to employ a gentleman pretty much versant and aquanted in the History and Succession of the noble and ancient families in the Kingdom of Scotland, to compose from all the authentick vouchers that could be found out of the family of Pittadro, the preceding memorial, and that way, as far as was possible, Revived and Recovered the memory and remembrance of the family he has the honour to Represent: So that in this respect the gentleman ought to be Considered in this generous view as the Retriver and Restorer of the House of Pittadro, which was quite worn out in

(*a*) Memorial of the family of the Echlins MSS. penes me. But I have not the ladies arms, and so cannot weel distinguish her family.

Scotland, which he has raised up again, and may his family Continue long to florish in honour and lustre in the Country they are now transplanted to.

I George Crawfurd, Esq., Antiquary and Historiographer do attest that this Historicall and Genealogicall Memorial of the ancient family of Pittadro in the County of Fyfe in the Kingdom of Scotland, was drawn up from authentick vouchers, and Composed and drawn up by me. In witness whereof 1 have written and subscrived this paper Consisting of twentie one Pages, at Glasgow the Eighteen day of August the year of our Lord 1747.

GEO. CRAWFURD.

N.B.—The spelling, punctuation, &c., of Mr. Crawfurd's Memoir have been closely adhered to.—ED.

APPENDIX

TO THE

Memoirs

OF THE

ECHLINS OF PITTADRO.

NON SINE

LINEAGE

OF THE

ECHLIN FAMILY.

Somewhere in the latter half of the Fifteenth Century, as appears from "Burke's Landed Gentry"—(see under "Adair of Bellegrove"):—there was a Sir John Echlin whose Daughter and Co-Heiress Arabella married Sir Ninian Adaire, Laird of Kinhilt in Galloway. In "Playfair's British Family Antiquity," (Vol. IX., p. 327, Note *b.*) this Sir John Echlin is stated to have been "of *Piladra*"—evidently a misspelling for Pittadro—"in the Shire of Fife." He no doubt therefore belonged to the same Family with

I. WILLIAM ECHLINE, Laird of Pittadro in Fifeshire, who was head and representative of the Echlin Family (vide preceding memoir), in 1517. He married Christian, daughter of Sir Alexander Toures, of Innerleith. Their Son

II. WILLIAM ECHLINE, of Pittadro, married Isobell*(a)* daughter of Sir John Melvile, of that Ilk, and of Raith, Ancestor to the Earls of Leven and Melvile. Their Son

III. ANDREW ECHLINE*(b)*, of Pittadro, the Constable of Edinburgh Castle during the Siege of 1572—(his Brother Patrick was also one of the Garrison, according

(*a*) Or "Alison." Compare "The Memorial" and "Genealogical Tree."

(*b*) In Mr. Grant's "Memorials of the Castle of Edinburgh," p 103, he is said, (on the Authority of "Scotia Rediviva"), to have been *Nephew* of Sir William Kirkaldy, the Governor: however he was probably, as the foregoing Memoir states, only his "Cousin-german," their two Fathers having married Daughters of Sir John Melvile—William Echline, Sir John's Daughter by "his first ladie, the daughter of Sir David Weems;" (vide Memorial) and Sir James Kirkaldy, (Sir William's Father), Janet, Sir John Melvile's daughter by Helen Napier, of Merchiston, his second wife.—See Mr. Grant's "Memoirs and Adventures of Sir William Kirkaldy, of Grange, p. 75.

To all and singulare persones To whom theas presentes shall com Sir James Balfour of Lenmuird Knight Lyone King of armes throughe all the Kingdome of Scotland and Hands thereto advocat sendeth his dew commendationes and Knowledge That annentis from the beginning it hath beene a custome in all countreyes & comone Wealthes weele governed That the bearing of certane shoulders (comonlie called armes) have beene And are the visuall Signes & tokenes wther of the prowes and Valoure Worthelie attchined in tymes of warre, or rewardes of Vertew good lyfe & conversatioun in tymes of peace, being indeed the cheifes? heades from which all families and Kindreds have tokin there beginning And are thereby accordinglie devided & distinguished each from others Amongs the which noumber for that I doe fonde John Echlene esquyer eldest lawfull sone to Robert Echlem Bishop of Downe within the province & Countie of Ulster & Down in the Kingdome of Ireland discendit of the Echlenes of Pittadro a Verie worshipfull familie in the Countie of Fyffe in the Kindome of Scotland hath requested me the said Lyone kings of armes by Vertew of my office To give & assigne to his Auncient Coat of armor A filling Creist & Motto which he may lawfullie beare without wronge doeing or prejudice to others. The which according to his just requeyst I have accomplished & graunted Viz on a Wreath Argent and Gueulles A Talbot passant argent spotted sable Langued Gueulles With this Motto in one Escroll above the Creist Non Sine præda helmed and mantled Gueulles doubled argent As depictured on the margen.

All which Armes Creist and Motto I the said Lyon King of Armes Doe by theas presentes ratifie Confirme Give graunt & assigne Unto the said John Echlene Esquyer & to his posteritie for ever, To Vse beare and shew forth the same in shield, shield ennone Coat armour or otherwise at all tymes And in all places as his and there Free libertie & pleasure In witnes wher of I the said Lyon King of Armes have to theas my letters patentes affixed my hand and seall of office At Edinburgh the 22 day of July 1633.

Jr James Balfour Lyone &

Registrat and booked the 23 July 1633

Thomas Bruysdan Clerk heraulde

LINEAGE

OF THE

ECHLIN FAMILY.

Somewhere in the latter half of the Fifteenth Century, as appears from "Burke's Landed Gentry"—(see under "Adair of Bellegrove"):—there was a Sir John Echlin whose Daughter and Co-Heiress Arabella married Sir Ninian Adaire, Laird of Kinhilt in Galloway. In "Playfair's British Family Antiquity," (Vol. IX., p. 327, Note *b.*) this Sir John Echlin is stated to have been "of *Piladra*"—evidently a misspelling for Pittadro—"in the Shire of Fife." He no doubt therefore belonged to the same Family with

I. WILLIAM ECHLINE, Laird of Pittadro in Fifeshire, who was head and representative of the Echlin Family (vide preceding memoir), in 1517. He married Christian, daughter of Sir Alexander Toures, of Innerleith. Their Son

II. WILLIAM ECHLINE, of Pittadro, married Isobell*(a)* daughter of Sir John Melvile, of that Ilk, and of Raith, Ancestor to the Earls of Leven and Melvile. Their Son

III. ANDREW ECHLINE*(b)*, of Pittadro, the Constable of Edinburgh Castle during the Siege of 1572—(his Brother Patrick was also one of the Garrison, according

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to the "Memorials of the Castle," p. 107)—married Grisel, daughter of Robert Colvile, of Clish, Ancestor to the Lord Colvile, of Ochiltree.—(see Douglass's Peerage of Scotland.) They had issue

1. WILLIAM ECHLINE, who married Margaret daughter of James Henderson, of Fordell in the County of Fife, by whom he had issue Henry Echline, who entered foreign service, and died without issue.
2. DR. ROBERT ECHLINE, of whom presently.
3. DAVID ECHLINE, who was Physician to "Anne, of Denmark;" Consort to James the Sixth, of Scotland, and First, of England.

IV. DR. ROBERT ECHLINE*(a)*, on the death without issue of his Nephew, Captain Henry Echline, became the head and representative of the family. In the year 1613 he was appointed by James the First, Bishop of Down and Connor in Ireland; he married ————, daughter of George Lord Seaton, by whom he had issue

1. JOHN ECHLIN, the Bishop's Heir*(b)*.
1. Jane Echlin, who married Henry Maxwell, Esq., of Finnebrogue.—Vide "Playfair's

(*a*) There is a series of mistakes in Playfair's "British Family Antiquity" relative to the Bishop and his history. In Vol. IX., App. page CXCVIII, itis asserted that his Christian name was "Henry";—that he was of Staffordshire in England;—that he was *murdered* at Balruddery on his way to Dublin,—(of which "Ware" takes no notice, but says, on the contrary, that he "died at Ardquin, in the County of Down, on the 17th of July, 1635."—Vide "Harris's Ware," Vol I., p. 208); and that his *eldest* son's name was Robert (p. CXCIX).

It is also stated in Playfair that the Bishop "married a lady of the *Howard* family."

(*b*) *The* Bishop, it would seem, had another son, who was born about the year 1629, for in the Old Church of Ardkeen, in the County of Down, there is a Tomb-stone, under the Reading-Desk, with this Inscription:—"Here lyes Interd the bodie of Robert Echline, of Castl Boye, Esq., who died the 25 day of April, 1657, in the 29 year of his age—as also the Bodie of his daughter, Marie."

It was probably a son of this R. E, of Castleboy (also named Robert, and of Ballyculter), who, in the "Montgomery MSS.," p. 260, is mentioned as having been present, amongst the "Strangers, legal Ministers," at the funeral in 1663, of the third Viscount Montgomery,

There was a Revd Robert Echlin Chancellor Down & rector of Ardglass 1642 he is supposed to be a grandson of Bishop Echlins

British Family Antiquity," (Vol. IV., p. 389, n. *a*.)

2. Margaret Echlin, who married Dr. Robert Maxwell, Bishop of Kilmore, and Ancestor to the Earls of Farnham.—Vide "Playfair," Vol. IV., p 390.

On Bishop Echlin's death in 1635, he was succeeded by his Son—

V. JOHN ECHLIN, ESQ., of Ardquin, County Down*(a)*. He married ———, Daughter of Sir Francis Stafford, of Mount Stafford in the County Antrim ; and by her he had issue.

1. ROBERT ECHLIN, his Heir.
2. Francis Echlin, (afterwards of Clonowen, County Antrim), who inherited the Estate of his Uncle, Sir Edmond Stafford, of Mount Stafford, (of "the far descended Staffords, Barons of Stafford from the Conquest, and latterly, Dukes of Buckingham") whose name he assumed. Francis Echlin Stafford married Sarah, daughter of Randal, Earl of Antrim.—(see Lodge's Peerage of Ireland, continued by Archdale—Family of Earls of Antrim). The present Representative of this branch of the Echlin Family is Arthur Willoughby Stafford, Esq.

(*a*) In the "Montgomery MSS.," p. 111, he is mentioned as having been present "amongst the Gentlemen and Esquires who were mourners" at the Funeral of the first Viscount Montgomery in September, 1636; also a "Hugh Echlin," probably a younger son of the Bishop. From "Sir John Temple's History of the Irish Rebellion" of 1641, it would seem that this Hugh Echlin, with all his "faithful Irish Servants" was murdered at Armagh by the Rebels. Mention is also made of "Robert Echlin, a child of 11 or 12 years of age," to whom a "proffer of life for going to Mass" was made, which however he "refused, saying, he saw nothing in their Religion for which he would change his own."—see the Examination of Robert Maxwell, Clk., Archdeacon of Down—p. 112 of 6th *Ed.*

1. Jane Echlin, who married (about the year 1650) James Leslie.—(See "Burke's Landed Gentry"—Leslie of Leslie-House). Her Great-Grand-daughter (Anne Stafford(b))

(b) The following Genealogical Table may here be inserted as shewing the Family inter-marriages, and the double claim also of ancestral kindred with THE GREAT DUKE:—

Eldest Son. Bishop Echlin's Son and Heir, John Echlin, *m.* ——— Stafford,
Second Son. Daughter.

Robert Echlin of Ardquin, *m.* Mary, Daughter—Francis Echlin Stafford, *m.* Sarah M'Donald, = Jane Echlin, *m.* James Leslie,
of Bishop Leslie—
Edmund Stafford. Henry Leslie, Archdeacon of Down.
Edmund Francis Stafford, ——— *m.* ——— Penelope Leslie.
Anne Stafford, *m.* Viscount Dungannon.
Anne Trevor, *m.* Garret, 1st Earl of Mornington.
ARTHUR, 1st DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

marrying Arthur Trevor, 1st Viscount Dungannon, became the Grandmother of the 1st Duke of Wellington.

2. ——— Echlin, who married Robert Ward *b.* in 1610, the second son of Nicholas Ward, (Ancestor of the Viscounts Bangor), and his wife Mary, who was daughter of Ralph Leycester, of Toft in Cheshire. This Robert Ward was created a Baronet by Charles the Second; and survived his only son, Charles, who (in 1681) married Catharine, daughter of Sir John Temple, but left no issue.

On the death of John Echlin, of Ardquin, he was succeeded by his elder Son—

VI. ROBERT ECHLIN, ESQ., also of Ardquin, who (about the year 1655) married Mary, daughter of Dr. Henry Leslie, Bishop of Meath (formerly of Down and Connor(*a*)), and younger son of the Earl of Rothes. By her he had issue

1. JOHN ECHLIN, his heir.
2. Sir Henry Echlin, (created a Baronet in 1721)—a Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, and Founder of the Clonard and Rush branch of the Echlin family(*b*).

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(*a*) In a lease of the lands of Ardquin from Dr. Alexander, Bishop of Down and Connor, to Charles Echlin, (as administrator to his Father, John Echlin, late of Thomastown) dated 1808, it is stated that the Demise was made "also in consideration of the great services done by Robert and Henry," (*Echlin* and *Leslie*) "formerly Bishops of the Sees—the one the Great-Great-Great Grandfather, and the other the Great-Great Grandfather of the said John Echlin." This lease I have.—*J. R. Echlin.*

(*b*) See the "Montgomery MSS.," pp. 303, 4; where it is stated that "John Echlin, the Bishop's Great Grandson" had a "younger brother one of the Barrons of ye Exchequer;" whereas in Playfair's British Family Antiquity," (Vol. IX. App. p XLIII.) it is most erroneously affirmed that this very "Barron of ye Exchequer," Sir Henry Echlin, was "Son of one Henry Echlin, of Pettalin, in Scotland."

Robert Echlin of Rush, Dublin was M.P. for Newtown unattached 1692 (Montgomery manuscripts

3. Robert Echlin, a Lieut-General in the Army, and Colonel of the Inniskilling Dragoons, who died without issue.

Robert Echlin of Ardquin was succeeded by his eldest son

VII. JOHN ECHLIN, also of Ardquin, who, in the year 1678, married Hester, only daughter and heiress of William Godfrey, of Coleraine, Esq. They had 20 sons and daughters, amongst whom were the following:

1. CHARLES ECHLIN, who married (in 1709) Anne, daughter of Thos. Knox, of Dungannon, Esq., and Mary his wife, daughter of Robert Bruce of Kilroot, in the Co. of Antrim, Esq. He left no issue.
2. REV. ROBERT ECHLIN, of whom presently.
3. Godfrey Echlin of Marlfield, who married Anne, daughter of John Savage, of Ballyvarley, Esq., Grandson of Rowland Savage, Lord of the Little Ards. They had issue
   1. Godfrey Echlin, also of Marlfield, who, in the year 1756, married Letitia, (eldest daughter of George Macartney, of the Co. Antrim, Esq., and sister of the late Earl Macartney, Ambassador Extraordinary to China,) but left no issue.
      1. Anne Echlin, who, it is believed, died unmarried,
4. James Echlin of Echlinville, who, in 1738, married Mary Anne Sampson of Dublin. He died in 1755(*a*) leaving no issue.

(*a*) By his last will (dated 18th May, 1754) James Echlin left all his landed property, inclusive of Echlin Ville, to his nephews, John Echlin (eldest son of his brother, the Rev. Robert Echlin,) and Godfrey Echlin (son of his brother Godfrey), and upon the death, without issue, of the said Godfrey, the entire property centered in John Echlin of Thomastown and his heirs. James Echlin

1. Mary Echlin, died (it is supposed) unmarried.
2. Jane Echlin, Do. do.
3. Hester Echlin, who, on the 29th June, 1722, married Thomas Knox, of Ballycruly in the Co. Down, Esq. Their second Son Thomas became the first Viscount Northland.
4. Elizabeth Echlin, who married George Hamilton, of Tyrella in the Co. Down, Esq.
5. Rose Echlin, who married in 1728, Major North Ludlow Bernard of the Co. Cork, third son of Judge Bernard. Their grandson Francis Bernard became (in 1800) the first Earl of Bandon.

John Echlin, of Ardquin, (whose last will bears date May, 1707,) died about the year 1710, and was succeeded by his second Son

VIII. THE REV. ROBERT ECHLIN, Incumbent of Newtownards, Co. Down. He married, in the year 1722, Jane, daughter of Captain James Manson of Tynan, Co. Armagh, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Hugh Echlin, of Tynan, Esq.—(This must have been the Hugh Echlin already noticed (see note(*a*) to p. 23) as having been murdered by the Rebels in 1641.) Mrs. Echlin, with her Sisters (of whom the eldest, Ellinor, married the Rev. John Stronge of Fairview, Co. Armagh; Mary, the second, married the Rev. Mr. Obins of Portadown; and Sarah, the youngest, married Dr. Irwin, a Physician) was her Father's Co-Heiress. The Rev. R. Echlin, and Jane his wife, had issue

left a legacy of £100 to his sister Elizabeth, wife of George Hamilton, Esq., of Tyrella, and in a Codicil, dated 7th June, 1755, he left a further legacy of the same amount to his "nephew, George Hamilton, Jun., of Tyrella" whose present Representative is George Alexander Hamilton, Esq., Member of Parliament for the University of Dublin.

till he sd Prince again & Cole Selection and yr Majesty will find me here, Alive or dead. he Encamp'd near Holland & returned with Th. William Montgomery Mem[s]

1. JOHN ECHLIN of Thomastown, his Heir, of whom presently.
2. Charles Echlin, who died unmarried.
1. Hester Echlin, who married James Donaldson of Castledillon, in the Co. Armagh, Esq. They had issue a son, James, who died unmarried in 1825, and a daughter, Anne, who married the Rev. Mr. Clewlow, but left no issue.

On the death of the Rev. Robert Echlin, he was succeeded by his eldest son

IX. JOHN ECHLIN, of Thomastown, who was born in the year 1723. He married Hester,
by whom he had issue

1. CHARLES ECHLIN, born in 1746. He married *first*, (in 1780,) Miss Newburgh, of Ballyhaise House, Co. Cavan, by whom he had issue a son, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Letitia, who died young and unmarried on the 25th March, 1790. He married, *secondly*, Anne Graham, by whom he had issue 3 daughters—Charlotte, who died unmarried; Hester Letitia, who died unmarried on the 12th March, 1817, aged 18, and Anne Jane, who died (also unmarried) on the 3rd September, 1820, aged 20.
2. Robert Echlin, who died unmarried.
3. Godfrey Echlin, who also died unmarried.
4. JOHN ECHLIN, of whom presently. He was baptized in St. Mary's Church, Dublin, on the 23rd March, 1757.
5. James Echlin, who died unmarried.
1. Jane Echlin, who married George Matthews, of Spring Vale in the Co. Down, Esq., and

died (leaving issue) on the 11th January, 1803. The present Representative of this family is Edward Ruthven Matthews, of Derryvunlam, in the Co. of Galway, Esq.

On the death of John Echlin of Thomastown, on the 4th March, 1789, he was succeeded by his eldest Son, CHARLES ECHLIN, who, along with his Father's own Property, inherited the Estates of his Granduncle, James Echlin of Echlin Ville, who, as before-mentioned, died without issue in 1755; and upon Charles Echlin's death (without leaving male issue) on the 22d February, 1817, he was succeeded by his only surviving Brother,

X. JOHN ECHLIN, of Thomastown and Portaferry. He married, on the 8th November, 1786, Thomasine Hannah, daughter of George Fleming, of Dublin, Esq., (of the Slane Family), by whom he had issue

1. JOHN ECHLIN, his Heir.
1. Thomasine, who married Thomas R. Moore, of the Co. Cavan.

John Echlin, of Thomastown and Portaferry, died on the 25th January, 1825, and was succeeded by his only son

XI. JOHN ECHLIN, of Echlin Ville, (born on the 4th October, 1787,) who married on the 3rd Feb., 1809, Thomasine Margaret, daughter of John Armstrong, of Dublin, Esq. He died on the 14th April, 1842, leaving, (besides a son, John, born 28th January, 1810, who died an infant on the 4th ofMarch of the same year, and six daughters) three surviving sons—viz.,

XII. REV. JOHN ROBERT ECHLIN, born on the 15th July, 1811—the present Representative of the Echlin Family.

George Fleming Echlin, born 27th June, 1812—and Charles Echlin, born on the 11th May, 1820—all of whom are married and have issue.

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